

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are in the case. None of these claims are amended by this Preliminary Amendment.

This Preliminary Amendment corrects three unintentional errors that have been made in the specification of this application. Please be advised that all of the corrections are supported by statements made in the originally filed application and claims.

The first correction is in paragraph [0009] spanning pages 4 and 5. The term “strong base” has been amended to read – strong acid salt --. Support for this amendment can be found at the bottom of page 7 of the specification where it is stated that a compound represented by formula (III) and shown at the top of page 8 is phosphorylated in the presence of a strong acid salt. Additionally, it is stated in paragraph [0070] that compound (III) is phosphorylated in the presence of a strong acid salt.

The second correction is in paragraph [0088] on page 25 where “chlorophenyl and bromophenyl” at the end of the paragraph have been amended to read -- chlorophenyloxy and bromophenyloxy --. These changes are supported by language in the previous line of the same paragraph where it is specified that “halogenophenoxy” groups are examples of the aryloxy groups indicated on line 1 of the paragraph. Obviously, chlorophenyloxy and bromophenyloxy are examples of such halogenophenoxy groups.

The last amendment is made herein to paragraph [0096] which spans pages 28 and 29. The term “5'-monophosphate” on line 3 of this paragraph should have been presented as -- guanosine 5'-monophosphate --. Support for this amendment can be found at the last line of Claim 11 (page 57) where the compound is correctly recited as guanosine 5'-monophosphate.

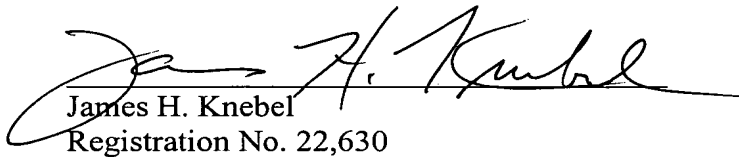
No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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